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Dear Mr. Hirschkop,

What you have been reading in the papers for the past several days has nothing to do with the amount of work on your desk. But does it not make it easier to conceive that E. Howard Hunt, when he was still with CIA, interfered with my first book?

Much of his career remains to be exposed, but in the past two days this has come out:

He faked and apparently was prepared to use faked evidence that President Kennedy was involved in the Diem assassination. (This is the evidence the White House gave L. Patrick Gray to destroy and Mr. Gray did destory. My first book was on the Kennedy assassination and it says Oswald was intelligence.)

He broke into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and stole Ellsberg's records. (The same government I would be sueing withheld this from the defense of the Ellsberg it was prosecuting.)

These things, I think, fit with what I've told you, which is not all I have on Hunt and the CIA. For example, while Hunt was with the CIA, he was also using the address and was with the public relations agency run by Robert Bennett, the Mullen Agency. It also did CIA work. I know of its representation of the major CIA Cuban front. He has admitted that. These are the boyos also exposed in my writing, which brought Oswald's Cuban (CIA Cuban) to light. (I have much more now, not published.) While with this agency and with The Agency, Hunt was also with the literary agency that killed the deal I took to it for my first book, giving a spurious reason for it, a reason soon enough proven spurious.

Hunt also urged the assassination of Castro. Instead of being fired, he was liked and continued with the CIA for more than another decade. I have the proof that he urged this assassination, in his own voice. In fact, he was thereafter hired by the White House for the career now public, in part. He was part of the Arbenz overthrow in Guatemala. He has admitted it. His admission is almost an admission of what I have long suspected and might be provable, that he was part of LBJ's interference in the Dominican Republic.

While he was on the public payroll, at the White House, and working for the Mullen agency at the same time, it had contracts for do-nothing work with HEW at least (two contracts), he and the head of this agency, Bennett, set up some 40 fronts for the handling of illicit Nixon campaign funds. They were deposited in the bank of the man who did the Eagleton job. Or, Hunt and Mullen while getting public funds engaged in this kind of Nixon campaign work.

I twice asked the White House for the Mullen contracts under 5 U.S.C. 552. The one reply, from Dean, merely confirmed that Hunt worked for the White House during this period and when it had already said he was no longer working for it, at the time he committed the prosecuted crime. I have asked the CIA under this same law for copies of its surveillance on me. No response. Under the law, investigatory files than can be exempt are for law-enforcement purposes only. If the CIA claims it conducted no surveillance, I have copies of some and it will have no credibility in court. In fact, the man who supplied these carbons did some of this surveillance. He will be visiting me the weekend of the 13th, from the letter I got yesterday.

If these new developments might change your view of the possibilities, I think Jim Lesar (484-6023) might be willing to help. He is quite familiar with 5 U.S.C. 552 and has helped with my cases, including the one with which you are familiar. He did that appeal, and it prevailed.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg